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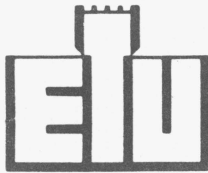
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO HOST GEOLOGY CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University has been selected to host an October geological conference which is expected to attract more than a hundred visiting geologists from the Midwest.

"This will be the first time that Eastern has hosted a purely geological event," said conference coordinator Robert Jorstad, associate professor of geology at Eastern.

The 55th Annual Tri-State Geological Field Conference Oct. 11-13 will give geologists, geology students, and other interested individuals from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and surrounding states an opportunity to observe some of the geological features of this area, Jorstad said. "It will also give our peers a chance to see what we are doing in this part of Illinois," he added.

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The conference, co-sponsored by the Geology/Geography Department and the School of Adult and Continuing Education at Eastern, will feature guest speaker Dennis Kolata, head of the Basin Analysis Section at the Illinois State Geological Survey. He will discuss the "Tectonic History of the Illinois Basin."

The meeting will feature geological field trips to various sites in east central Illinois, including the Charleston Stone Quarry, the University of Illinois Paleobotany Lab, the Universal Coal Mine in Universal, Indiana, and other locations.

During the trips, Jorstad plans to examine Pennsylvanian and Quaternary sedimentary rocks common to this area, and collect fossils almost 300 million years old.

Admission is open to the public. Interested persons may call Jorstad at 581-6244, or Eastern's School of Adult and Continuing Education at 581-5114.